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1. The military airfield at Kamenica nad Cirochou (R49/E86) was built in 1937 as a subordinate field to the military headquarters at Humenne. It was destroyed during World War II and the runway was not serviceable until 1947.
2. The field lies north of Kamenica and of the Humenne-Snina railroad line. It is 183 meters above sea level and its surface is more or less level.
3. In the north, the Cirocha River forms the boundary and to the northeast a tributary of the river, which runs from the village of Modra and into the Cirocha River, is the boundary. In the southeast, the Humenne-Snina railroad line and the state highway border the airfield. In the west, a country road running from the castle in Kamenica toward Bacovna forms the boundary.
4. Repairs to the field began in the summer of 1952 and it is to be completely operational by the end of 1953. A concrete runway is being built, running southwest-northeast, about 400 meters from the railroad line. It will be about 2,500 meters long.
5. About 1,000 meters east of Kamenica a group of buildings is being put up along the railroad line. They will probably be barracks. Hangars and administrative buildings are being built of hollow concrete blocks.
6. About 150 civilian employees of the Czechoslovak Construction Works (CSSZ) from Humenne and one auxiliary technical battalion (PTP) of approximately 200 or 300 men are employed on the project. The PTP men are brought by truck from Humenne.
7. The Krompachy power station supplies electricity for the airfield.
8. In spite of the fact that concrete is still being poured on the runway, the northern part of the field is already in use. It is the base of the airborne troops stationed in Kamenica.

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9. Up to five Dakota aircraft are on the field throughout the week but return to either Kosice or Presov on Saturdays and Sundays. Apart from these transport planes, there is usually a large number of older type twin-engined aircraft used as towing machines for target practice, which is done with live ammunition. There are also usually some four Sokol MC-1 type planes on the field.
10. Almost every day, squads of 20 men each perform practice jumps from Dakota aircraft at the Kamenica field. There are usually two Dakotas in the air at the same time when jumps are being made.
11. Part of the airborne troops, who wear red berets, are housed in the old barracks in Kamenica, near the middle of the village where the highway to Humenne branches off. These barracks have three stories. The remainder of the airborne troops are housed in Humenne, where the parachutist school is located and where they receive ground training. The pilots, who stay here throughout the week, are housed in the barracks in Kamenica.
12. There is a firing range for anti-aircraft artillery in the vicinity of Mt. Vihorlat (1,092 m.), the highest peak in eastern Slovakia. The entire area around it is wooded and is guarded by troops. The airfield at Kamenica is also the base for the aircraft which tow targets for anti-aircraft firing exercises.

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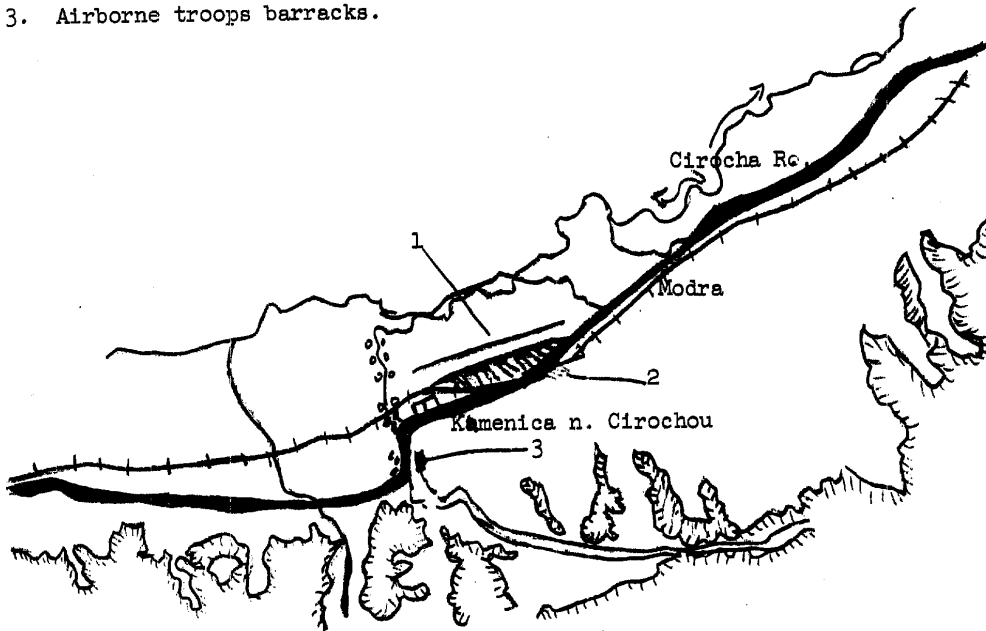
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Legend:

1. Runway.
2. Buildings under construction.
3. Airborne troops barracks.



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